

Minutes of a meeting of Council on Wednesday 18 May 2022

Council members present:

Councillor Lygo (Lord Mayor)

Councillor Arshad

Councillor Bely-Summers

Councillor Clarkson

Councillor Coyne

Councillor Dunne

Councillor Fry

Councillor Hall

Councillor Hollingsworth

Councillor Hunt

Councillor Kerr

Councillor Latif

Councillor Miles

Councillor Mundy

Councillor Nala-Hartley

Councillor Pressel

Councillor Rehman

Councillor Sandelson

Councillor Roz Smith

Councillor Thomas

Councillor Turner

Councillor Goddard (Deputy Lord Mayor)

Councillor Aziz

Councillor Brown

Councillor Corais

Councillor Diggins

Councillor Fouweather

Councillor Gant

Councillor Hayes

Councillor Humberstone

Councillor Jarvis

Councillor Landell Mills

Councillor Malik

Councillor Morris

Councillor Munkonge

Councillor Pegg

Councillor Rawle

Councillor Rowley

Councillor Linda Smith

Councillor Smowton

Councillor Tidball

Councillor Upton

Also present for all or part of the meeting:

Caroline Green, Chief Executive

Nigel Kennedy, Head of Finance and Section 151 Officer

Mish Tullar, Head of Corporate Strategy

Marcia Ecclestone, Legal Services Manager

Ian Wright, Head of Regulatory Services and Community Safety

Stephen Gabriel, Executive Director for Communities and People

Tom Bridgman, Executive Director - Development

Andrew Brown, Committee and Member Services Manager
Lucy Tyrrell, Committee and Member Services Officer

The minutes show when Councillors who were absent for part of the meeting arrived and left.

1. Election of Lord Mayor for the Council year 2022/23

Cllr Upton proposed, seconded by Cllr Clarkson, that Cllr Fry be elected Lord Mayor to the start of the Annual Council meeting in May 2023.

There were no other nominations.

Council were resolved to elect Cllr Fry as Lord Mayor of Oxford for the Council year 2022/23.

2. Appointment of Deputy Lord Mayor for the Council 2022/23

Cllr Hollingsworth proposed, seconded by Cllr Goddard, that Cllr Lygo be appointed Deputy Lord Mayor to the start of the Annual Council meeting in May 2023.

There were no other nominations.

Council were resolved to appoint Cllr Lygo as Deputy Lord Mayor of Oxford for the Council year 2022/23.

3. Appointment of Sheriff for the Council year 2022/23

Cllr Turner proposed, seconded by Cllr Brown, that Cllr Rowley be appointed Sherriff to the start of the Annual Council meeting in May 2023.

There were no other nominations.

Council were resolved to appoint Cllr Rowley as Sherriff of Oxford for the Council year 2022/23.

4. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Altaf-Khan, Walcott, Muddiman and Chapman.

5. Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

6. Announcements

There were no announcements from The Lord Mayor or the Chief Executive.

Rev Buckley congratulated those on their civic appointments, and advised that a sign of a good community is to honour the old and new in healthy balance, and felt privileged to be sitting alongside Councillors in serving the good people of Oxford City.

7. Election of Council Leader

Cllr Turner proposed, seconded by Cllr Thomas, that Cllr Brown be elected as Leader of Council for a term of office beginning immediately and ending at the Annual Council meeting immediately following the end of her current term of office.

There were no other nominations.

Council were resolved to elect Cllr Brown as Leader of Council for a term of office ending on the day of the Annual Council meeting at the end of her current term of office.

8. Report of the Leader of the Council

Cllr Rowley joined the meeting.

The Leader of the Council moved her report. She congratulated the civic office holders and welcomed all, including new Councillors, to the first meeting following elections.

Appointments of Deputy Leader, Cabinet portfolio holders and other executive appointments were detailed in her report circulated to all Councillors and given below:

Deputy Leader and Cabinet appointments and responsibilities

Role	Member	Portfolio
Leader	Cllr Susan Brown	Inclusive Economy
Deputy Leader (statutory)	Cllr Ed Turner	Finance and Asset Management
Deputy Leader (non-statutory)	Cllr Chewe Munkonge	Leisure and Parks
Cabinet Member	Cllr Shaista Aziz	Communities and Culture
Cabinet Member	Cllr Nigel Chapman	Citizen Focused Services
Cabinet Member	Cllr Alex Hollingsworth	Planning and Housing Delivery
Cabinet Member	Cllr Linda Smith	Housing
Cabinet Member	Cllr Imogen Thomas	Zero Carbon Oxford and Climate Justice
Cabinet Member	Cllr Louise Upton	Health and Transport
Cabinet Member	Cllr Diko Walcott	Safer Communities

Future Oxfordshire Partnership appointments

Body	Member	Named substitute
Future Oxfordshire Partnership (<i>Leader</i>)	Cllr Susan Brown	Cllr Chewe Munkonge
Environment Advisory	Cllr Imogen Thomas	Cllr Louise Upton

Group		
Housing Advisory Group	Cllr Linda Smith	Cllr Alex Hollingsworth
Infrastructure Advisory Group	Cllr Alex Hollingsworth	Cllr Edward Turner
Oxfordshire Plan 2050 Advisory Group	Cllr Alex Hollingsworth	Cllr Edward Turner

Shareholder and Joint Venture Group appointments

Body	Members
SJVG for ODS	Cllrs Susan Brown, Ed Turner, Chewe Munkonge, Nigel Chapman, Linda Smith, Alex Hollingsworth, Louise Upton
SJVG for OCHL & joint ventures	Cllrs Susan Brown, Ed Turner, Chewe Munkonge, Alex Hollingsworth, Nigel Chapman, Linda Smith, Shaista Aziz, Imogen Thomas

9. Appointment to Council Committees 2022/23

Council had before it a report from the Head of Law and Governance asking Council to appoint committees and the members serving on those committees for the Council year 2022/23 in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 (Section 15) and other relevant legislation.

On being proposed by Cllr Brown, seconded by Cllr Turner and put to the vote, Council approved the recommendations and nominations to committee places.

Council were **resolved** to:

1. **Approve** the structure of the Council committees, as defined within the Council's Constitution and set out in Appendix 1: Committee structure 2022/23;
2. **Approve** the methods, calculations and conventions used in determining political representation on committees as outlined in the report and shown in Appendix 2: Political proportionalities on Council committees 2022-23;
3. **Appoint** to committee seats in accordance with the requirements of political proportionality and the nominations made by political groups, as shown in Appendix 3: Committee nominations 2022-23;
4. **Agree** that all members of Council will form the pool of members able to observe on appeals and some grievances panels in accordance with the Council's policies;
5. **Appoint** three non-executive members to the Oxfordshire Growth Board Scrutiny Panel (see Appendix 3: Committee nominations 2022-23);

6. **Appoint** one non-executive member to the Joint Oxfordshire Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (see Appendix 3: Committee nominations 2022-23).

10. Selective Licensing fees

Cllrs Rehman and Clarkson declared an interest and left the room for this item.

Council had before it a report from the Head of Regulatory Services and Community Safety which had been submitted to Cabinet on 10 March 2021 informing Cabinet of the results of the consultation exercise carried out into the proposal to introduce a selective licensing scheme in the city.

Councillor Linda Smith, Cabinet Member for Housing introduced the report and proposed the recommendations, which was seconded by Cllr Hollingsworth.

Cllr Miles spoke on behalf of her colleagues in support of the scheme which she hoped would improve housing conditions for those in private rented accommodation in the city and looked forward to being able to scrutinise the success of this scheme.

In response to a question from Cllr Malik, Cllr Linda Smith advised that funds raised from this scheme will be used to support the scheme including 26 additional customer service officers and 11 additional enforcement officers boosting the capacity of this council, further details on how this is profiled over the 5 years can be provided in writing. Following a subsequent question from Cllr Malik, Cllr Hollingsworth advised that this scheme would extend beyond HMO properties, thereby providing assurances for the private sector in the city.

Cllr Waite joined the meeting.

On being put to the vote, Council were **resolved** to approve the fee structure for licence applications, as set out in Appendix 7.

The meeting started at 5.00 pm and ended at 5.25 pm

Lord Mayor

Date: Monday 18 July 2022

Decisions on items of business take effect immediately:

Motions may be implemented immediately or may require further budget provision and/or reports to Cabinet before implementation.

Details are in the Council's Constitution.

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